

Ref: 'Little Europe' – 715 Lincoln Road / License Application



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Dear Darren,

Re: Premises License Application – 'Little Europe' – 715 Lincoln Rd, Peterborough

On 01<sup>st</sup> April 2014 Cambridgeshire Constabulary Licensing Department (Peterborough District) received e-mail notification from Peterborough City Council Licensing Authority of an application for a new Premises License at 715 Lincoln Road, Peterborough, PE1 3HD. The application has been submitted electronically by the proposed Premises License Holder and Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) - Mr. Aidas Meckauskas, 8 Saffron Court, park Road, Peterborough, PE1 2US. He holds an Alcohol Personal License issued by PCC Licensing Authority reference: 057664.

This application seeks to install a new premises license at an existing mini market / delicatessen specializing in Eastern European products called 'Little Europe', with the supply of alcohol 'Off Premises' between 09:00am and 21:00pm Monday to Saturday and 10:00am and 20:00pm on Sundays. The premises 'Open hours' will reflect the licensed hours. No other licensable activity has been applied for.

'Little Europe' is located centrally within the CAN-DO Operational area, on Lincoln Road and ultimately within the Cumulative Impact Area (Special Policy) drawn up and adopted on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013. It has been positively identified that there is a significant concentration of licensed premises within the CAN-DO area, and there is sufficient evidence of a negative impact on the statutory objectives. Peterborough City Council's 'Statement of Licensing Policy', 'Special Policy on Cumulative Effect' - Paragraph 11.6 states:

*"This special policy creates a rebuttable presumption that applications within the Op Can Do area for **new premises** or club premises certificates or variations that are likely to add to the existing cumulative impact will normally be refused, if relevant representations are received about the cumulative impact on the licensing objectives, unless the applicant can demonstrate why the operation of the premises involved will not add to the cumulative impact already being experienced".*

Para 11.7 states:

*"Applications will need to address the special policy issues in their operating schedules in order to rebut such a presumption".*

There are currently 39 operating 'Off Licenses' within the CAN-DO area. Significant Police resource and partnership working is currently provided in this area to deal with alcohol related violent crime and disorder and to reduce actual crime, risk of crime and fear of crime in support of the CAN-DO principles and action plans. A multi-agency tasking and finishing group has been in place, and will remain in place for the foreseeable future to identify and deal with current and immerging issues. The licensing of another 'Off License' within the

Cumulative Impact area would do nothing to address the hard work of partner agencies and ultimately the public perception of safety and fear of crime.

Whilst this is yet another licensed premise application within the Cumulative impact area ultimately the decision on granting the license lies with the Licensing Sub-Committee. The formal application – Section 18 states:

*“Describe the steps you intend to take to promote the four licensing objectives”.*

I believe that this has been addressed satisfactorily. The applicant has suggested a number of blanket conditions to highlight the steps he may take to promote the four Licensing objectives. I would suggest that if the Special Policy received any form of consideration by the applicant he could have demonstrated his intentions more thoroughly in dealing with the cumulative issues affecting the area. However, I would ask the sub-committee to consider the facts that Cambridgeshire Constabulary do not support this application due to the saturation of licensed premises and appeal to the Licensing sub-committee to seriously consider the Special Policy and reject the application. Should a rejection of the application be considered as unsuitable in this case and the application is granted, may I ask that the following conditions are added to the license to support the licensee in upholding the Licensing Objectives.

### **The Prevention of Crime and Disorder:**

1. CCTV will be provided in the form of a recordable system, capable of providing pictures of evidential quality in all lighting conditions in particular facial recognition. Cameras shall encompass all entrances and exits to the premises, fire exits and all area where the sale / supply of alcohol occur. A camera will be positioned outside the premises covering the shop frontage.
2. CCTV equipment must be maintained in good working order, be correctly time and date stamped. Recordings must be kept in date order, numbered sequentially and kept for a period of 28 days.
3. The Premises License Holder must ensure at all times a Designated Premises Supervisor or appointed member of staff is capable and competent at downloading CCTV footage in a recordable format and hand this footage over to the Police / Local Authority on demand.
4. The recording equipment and discs / usb pen drives shall be kept in a secure environment under the control of the DPS or other responsible named individual.
5. An operational daily log report must be maintained endorsed by signature, indicating the system has been checked and is compliant, in the event of any failings of the system actions taken are to be recorded.
6. In the event of a technical failure of the CCTV equipment the Premises License Holder / Designated Premises Supervisor must report the failure to the Police or local authority immediately.
7. Notices advising that CCTV has been installed on the premises shall be posted so that they are clearly visible to the public within the licensed premises.
8. Staff training in relation to identifying and preventing sales of alcohol to any person who is, or appears to be drunk should be undertaken on a monthly basis. This training, together with on-going training to prevent underage sales (Challenge 25) should be recorded in a written format and be available to an authorised officer upon demand.
9. A refusals log will be maintained on a daily basis recording all refused attempted purchases of alcohol, carried out by drunks or underage persons.

10. No single vessel of cheap high strength beer, lager or Cider above 6.5% Abv will be offered for sale.
11. No alcoholic drinks will be purchased by the store owners or staff from sellers calling at the store.
12. All invoices (originals or copies) for all alcoholic goods for retail sale on the premises will be kept at the licensed premises and made available to Police, Council and HMRC Officers upon request.
13. A strict stock control system will be introduced so that the licensee can quickly identify where and when alcoholic drinks have been purchased.
14. A ultra-violet light will be available and maintained at the store for the purpose of checking the UK Duty Stamp on all spirits as soon as practical after they have been purchased.
15. If any spirits bought by the company have UK Duty Stamps that do not fluoresce under ultra-violet light, or are otherwise suspicious, the licensee shall identify the supplier to the Trading Standards department and HMRC as soon as possible.

#### **Promote Public Safety -**

16. An adequate and appropriate supply of first aid equipment and materials shall be available on the premises.
17. Valid Public liability Insurance shall be kept in force and a copy of the schedule shall be available for inspection by an authorised officer on request.
18. No person will be allowed to enter or leave the licensed premises (as defined by the plan) with an open vessel of alcohol and the licensee will actively discourage and prevent anyone congregating or drinking outside the premises.

#### **The Protection of Children from Harm –**

19. Signage will be prominently placed within the premises advertising the fact that the premises operate the 'Challenge 25' initiative.
20. Any person selling or supplying alcoholic drink under the authority of a personal licence holder must ask for a photo ID proof of age where they have reason to believe that the individual may be less than 21 years of age.
21. A refusal log will be accurately maintained on every refusal made in relation to the attempted purchase of alcohol by a juvenile or intoxicated person.

Kind regards

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